



February Meeting Invitation
6:30 p.m., February 17
The Hannaford Suites – Breakfast Room

AGENDA OVERVIEW

6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Refreshments – John Brewer & Jane Murphy
7:00 p.m.	Speaker	TBA
7:30 p.m.	Business Meeting	Vote on New By Laws
		2004 Cincinnati Flower Show
		2004 Garden Walk
		“Sage Advice”

2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monthly Meetings	February 17 March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 20 August 17 September 21 October 19 November 16	The Hannaford Suites
Cincinnati Flower Show	April 21-25	Coney Island
8 th Annual Garden Walk	June 26 & 27	Newport
Christmas Party	TBA	TBA

WANTED

- Gardens for the 2004 Tour
- Volunteers to design the East Row Garden Club’s Window Box for the Cincinnati Flower Show

OFFICERS

PresidentRene McPhedran (859) 291-2565
Vice PresidentElaine Pearl (859) 292-0978
Secretary/Treasurer.....Monica Gardner (859) 581-6484

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2004

Welcome & Thanks: Monica Gardner and Bruce Murray were thanked for providing the evening's refreshments and for being the Calling Volunteer. Mary Beth Crocker was thanks for writing the press release to Newport Now and The Voice on our gift to Healthy Steps.

Election of Officers:

The slate of officers was moved, seconded and approved by an anonymous vote of the members. The officers for 2004 are:

Rene McPhedran, President

Elaine Pearl, Vice President (President Elect)

Monica Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes & Treasurer's Report: The November meeting minutes were approved. Monica Gardner reported \$9,680 in the account. The Club is starting in the year in the best financial position ever. Ms. Gardner also reported that the East Row Garden Club Inc. is now officially incorporated with the State of Kentucky. The Club's By laws will need to be updated. Ms. Gardner will send a draft copy to all members via email for input. Then the final draft will be presented at the February meeting for discussion and vote. Then the attorney will be ready to file for 501c3 status for the club.

Old Business:

2004 Garden Selection Update: Elaine Pearl reported that four homeowners have agreed to be on the tour. Others are still under consideration, but Ms Pearl asked for suggestions from the club for additional gardeners. A total of 10 gardens is the goal. Members with suggestions will report back at the February Meeting.

Volunteers: There are still plenty of committee chair and co-chair opportunities available for the 2004 Garden Walk. Call Volunteers are needed and May is available for a Refreshment Volunteer. Please consider helping.

Traffic Island/3rd & Park Garden Update: The 3rd & Park Garden will be redesigned, using four quadrants. One is still available to Club Members for redesign.

New Business:

Membership Drive: The new flyer format was well received and the use of email versus mail was discussed. Rene McPhedran announced that there would be a membership drive in March. Members are encouraged to bring a guest or new member to the meeting. Members bring a guest will be eligible for a prize drawing.

Club Design Services: Following up on a suggestion from Jane Murray, the Club decided to formalize the concept of providing design services to their members. "Sage Advice" will be a monthly addition to the meeting, where members can seek and receive gardening tips and advice from each other. Design services will be available to the members upon request. Requests for design services from the City and Community will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Garden Walk 2004: New for this year, a blank post card available for sale will be designed with the event poster & mailer.

Cincinnati Flower Show: Volunteers are needed to design the Club's entry into the Window Box Display.

FYI

Plant the seeds to grow the East Row Garden Club and bring a friend to the March Meeting!